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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
Int.Cl<sup>7</sup> B60C11/04

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched  
Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1926-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2003  
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2001/45263 A1 (BRIDGESTONE CORP.), 29 November, 2001 (29.11.01), Full text & EP 1149714 A & JP 2001-301422 A	1-17
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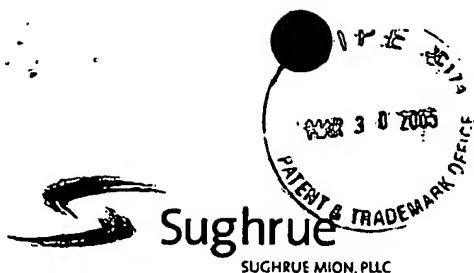
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Y	JP 2000-43509 A (BRIDGESTONE CORP.), 15 February, 2000 (15.02.00), Figs. 5 to 6 (Family: none)	1-17
A	US 6070631 A (PIRELLI COORDINAMENTO PNEUMATICI. SPA), 06 June, 2000 (06.06.00), Full text & EP 822103 A & JP 10-81111 A	1-17
A	JP 1-109106 A (BRIDGESTONE CORP.), 26 April, 1989 (26.04.89), Full text (Family: none)	1-17
A	JP 1-109107 A (BRIDGESTONE CORP.), 26 April, 1989 (26.04.89), Full text (Family: none)	1-17



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"PNEUMATIC TIRE FOR TWO-WHEELED MOTOR VEHICLE"  
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
Our Reference: Q85753

Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the subject application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ eight (8) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-16.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☐ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ It is expressly requested that National Stage processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §371(f).

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Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

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